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House Rejects Amendment Seeking to Put Further Restrictions on Street Car Conductors.

The sessions of the Senate and House were brief and without public interest yesterday.

The former sat for only a few moments, and after the introduction of several local bills, adjourned. The latter was in session for about two hours, and several bills were offered. One was by Mr. Christian to amend the law in relation to the transportation of bodies dead of infectious and contagious diseases, and another by Mr. Owen to establish a dispensary in Leigh District of Prince Edward county, subject to the approval of the people.

There was a bill by Mr. Read to require county and city treasurers to furnish lists of persons who have paid their State poll taxes, to the judges of election prior to each election, and they were all referred.

The Senate. The session of the Senate was uninteresting. The attendance was small, and the period of meeting was consumed in reading bills, which came up the second or third time.

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Mr. Lupton, by leave, presented a bill, No. 520, designed to extend the boundary limits of Green Hill Cemetery, at Stephens City, Va.

The remainder of the session was taken up with reading bills from the desk.

The House. The House was called to order at 11 o'clock by Speaker Ryan, and prayer was offered by Rev. P. B. Price, of the Presbyterian Church.

The following new bills were introduced and referred:

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By Mr. Read: To require county and city treasurers to furnish lists of persons who have paid their State poll taxes to the judges of election prior to each election.

The bill in relation to public service corporations was considered for a brief while, and after the body had rejected an amendment offered by Mr. Fulton strengthening that of Mr. Bland in relation to the designation of seats by street railway conductors, it was passed by in the absence of Mr. Cato, and the House adjourned.

EDUCATE COLORED DEAF AND BLIND

The bill offered in the House recently by Hon. A. Gordon Cumming, of Hampton, to provide for the education of colored deaf and blind children in the State will likely be the subject of consideration before the State Board of Education on Tuesday.

The bill is understood to have the endorsement of the Methodist Conference, the Baptist General Association of Virginia, the Board of Directors of the Institution for the Deaf and Blind at Staunton, and many prominent individuals in the State.

The bill is pending before the Committee on Education of the House, and will be vigorously pressed by the patron.

The bill had its origin with prominent gentlemen abroad, viz., Messrs. Lindsay, of Charlottesville; S. H. Miller, of Lynchburg, and W. A. Bowles, of Staunton, were appointed a committee to co-operate with Mr. Cumming.

There are about three hundred deaf and blind colored children in the State, and many of the humane institutions are interested in their education. Prospects for the passage of the bill seem bright at this time.

"The Cavalier" Coming.

Charlotte Tittell, who assumes the role of Charlotte Durand, in Paul Kester's dramatization of George W. Cable's fascinating Southern romance "The Cavalier," has been for years one of the best known leading women of the country.

She has attained prominence after years of painstaking study and experience in the portrayal of a wide range of stage creations, coupled with natural born genius.

Miss Tittell has everything to commend her to the theatergoers: personal magnetism, coupled with youth and beauty, a voice of great flexibility and a mind trained to feel every emotion and to impart it to her auditors. She has been associated prominently with the Lyceum Theatre Company, of New York, and with E. H. Cohan, in "An Enemy to the King," and the "Prisoner of Zenda," and her success in whatever role she has been cast has been most emphatic.

It is as Charlotte Durand, the warm hearted daughter of the South, that Miss Tittell has scored her greatest triumph. She is said to have splendidly realized the ideal of the author in her execution of a role that affords her great opportunity to display the versatile talent for which she is noted.

Circuit Court.

In the Circuit Court yesterday the trial in the suit of the Crystal Ice Company vs. the Richmond Ice Company was partially considered, and the jury was adjourned until Monday.

In the same court was filed by Ben S. Carter vs. the Passenger & Power Company for \$2,000.

Father Alphonsus Here.

Rev. Father Alphonsus, the eminent Passionist of Baltimore, will preach this morning at Sacred Heart Church at 10:30 o'clock. A special musical programme is being arranged by Miss Theresa Donahoe, the organist.

A Reunion.

A reunion of old pupils and graduates previous to 1900, will be held between 1 and 3 P. M. on Friday next at St. Mary's Benedictine Academy, No. 514 North Fourth Street.

## A RICHMOND BUSINESS MAN

William J. Ready, One of the Leading Contractors.

This Gentleman, Whose Endorsement is Above Criticism, Has Been Interviewed Upon a Subject of Great Interest to Many of Our Citizens.

After a man has gained the very top rung of the ladder in the chosen career of his life, the ill of the flesh to which mortals are heir heavily indeed.

Then it is that responsibilities gather thick and fast about him; then it is that every energy is required to maintain his position; then it is that others look to him for guidance and direction and there it is that he requires the full capacity of every mental and physical faculty.

Of all the faculties, that of perfect sight is probably the most important, and especially in this true of the man who has already reached the zenith of success and who is the bearer of heavy cares and responsibilities, which prosperity has laid upon him. It is then indeed that he needs his sight as well as his wit and it is that man who appreciates to the full the handicap of defective eyes.

It was the full appreciation of all these facts which led Mr. William J. Ready, after reading of the marvelous success which was attending the efforts of Charles Lincoln Smith in the application of his new and exclusive method of relieving those in Richmond who were suffering with their eyes, to consult that eminent specialist.

It was this same exercise of his intelligence in accepting the opportunity as soon as it was presented to him which has given to Mr. Ready a blessing even greater than that which is his reward for years of intelligent labor.

William J. Ready, the subject of this sketch, is now one of the very prominent business men of this city and even in the State. His business is that of brick manufacturing and of contracting for brick work.

Years ago when but a mere boy, he was apprenticed to the trade and began hard labor with his own hands. He was blessed, however, with intelligence above the average and he realized from the beginning that while the bottom was crowded there was plenty of room for the top.

Thus began this tramp up the hard and rugged road of life. Step by step he has manfully fought his way forward, until now he has at last reached the summit and looks back over the rugged path which he has traveled with a feeling of triumph.

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## PRaise COMES FROM ALL SECTIONS

Citizens of All Walks of Life Herald the Praise of Charles Lincoln Smith.

Within the last few years Richmond has been the recipient of many evidences of Dame Fortune's good pleasure, but in no way has that been more positively shown than in the chance which brought Charles Lincoln Smith within her gates.

Coming here at the urgent request of citizens, with the intention of spending a few days, this eminently successful expert, possessed of method new and novel, and of unrivaled skill, has been induced by the very necessity for his services which he found here, to stay on, day after day and week after week, doing good to all who have come within his sphere.

He has performed deeds that were wonderful and has accomplished achievements that are grand. With a judgment that is unerring he has applied his method and prescription glasses with an accuracy that has never once failed to accomplish exactly the result that was intended.

It is simply marvelous to stand off and survey the work that Charles Lincoln Smith has done and the comfort and joy that he has brought out of sadness and desolation. Those who have been benefited by his skill, his knowledge, his art, some trooping along in solid phalanx, each anxious to add his voice to the general clamor of approval and of praise which goes up from the whole city.

One man speaks of "unqualified success," and another says, "I am now the happiest man in town." "My sight of youth has been restored," says still another. One prominent lady who had suffered for years, says her relief was "simply miraculous," and another calls her case a "stupendous success."

An enthusiastic gentleman throws all fancy speech to the winds and bluntly put it in plain words that "Charles Lincoln Smith is the greatest man I ever saw in his profession." Another of the phalanx cries out, "I tell you he knows his business," while the next man in the rank says, "remarkable, almost beyond conception."

"A marvelous and surprising success," is the verdict of the next, while another comes with "Rescued from Despair." A very prominent educator expresses himself in saying "the results are beyond my fondest hopes," while a prosperous merchant joins him in saying "the results are gratifying to myself and my family."

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